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Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed September 9, 2003 (Paper No.14) and the Notice of Appeal filed on August 28, 2003, Applicants concurrently file a Request for Continued Examination for the above-identified U.S. Patent Application and this Preliminary Amendment. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 32, 33, 36, 38-44 and 46-49 without prejudice to the filing of future continuing applications.